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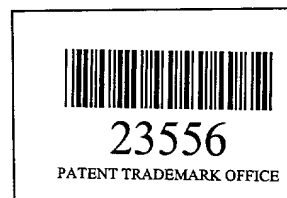
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of twenty-five (25) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty (20) claims.
3. Six (6) sheets of drawings.
4. A fully executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

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